

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church
Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at “Coffee Hour” in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.
(✚ Latecomers may be seated.)

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 15, 2012 10:30 A.M.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE *“O how cheating, O how fleeting”* **Georg Boehm**
Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign the red “friendship pads” found at the end of each pew by the center aisle. Note the names of those worshipping around you as you pass the pad back. We encourage you to greet each other after the service.)

INTROIT *“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”* **Donovan Klotzbeacher**
(Ps. 103: 1) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP **Kurt Heineman**

God calls us by name, and we answer, “Here I am!”

God calls us by name, and we say, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Let us worship the God who claims us, and calls us,

and sends us forth as children of blessing and promise.

HYMN #478 (Hymnal)* *“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

Gracious God, you invite us to follow you, and we question your motives. You invite us to come and see, but we criticize and judge. Forgive our skepticism. Forgive our unwillingness to trust and to join you. Forgive us, we pray, that we might follow you, and share in the wonder-filled work you are doing in the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)* *“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE* ✚

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE ✚ **Pastor Lou**

SCRIPTURE **Matthew 5: 13-16** **Hunter Miller**
Pew Bible pg. 4

ANTHEM	<i>“Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song”</i>	Hal Hopson The Chorale
SCRIPTURE	Philippians 2: 12-16 II Corinthians 3: 18 & 4: 6 II Peter 1: 16-21	Pew Bible pg. 197 pg.180 pgs. 236 - 237
SERMON		The Rev. Dr. Louis Mitchell

THE RESPONSE

HYMN #143 (Songbook)*	<i>“Carry the Light”</i>	
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH		The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory	<i>Small Prelude in C</i>	J. S. Bach Organ
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Hymn #592 (Hymnal)* Prayer of Dedication*	<i>“Doxology”</i>	Kurt Heineman
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HYMN #182 & 183 (Songbook)* *“Seek Ye First”* and *“Thy Word”*

BENEDICTION*

RESPONSE*	<i>Fivefold Amen in Eb</i>	Donovan Klotzbeacher The Chorale
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POSTLUDE*	<i>Duke Street</i> <i>(Jesus Shall Reign)</i>	Benton Price Organ
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***ALL WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place immediately following the morning worship service on Sunday, January 29, 2012 in the Sanctuary.

Visitors! We hope you will find a warm welcome here. We invite you to consider membership in our church family. Please speak to one of the greeters or pastors after worship for more information.

Childcare is provided during worship. Children from birth to age 2 may be taken to the infant room, and children age 3 through Kindergarten are welcome in the toddler room. Laurie Davis is the Nursery Coordinator (MusicMomNJ@comcast.net).

Our congregation is very happy to have children participate in worship with their family as part of our church family! "Worship bags" containing quiet faith activities are available in the narthex for children to enjoy during worship.

Hearing devices are now available for your convenience in the narthex. The ushers can assist you.

We thank those who are serving today in these ways:

Head Usher is Alan Danser.

Coffee Hour is hosted by George and Daune Arsnow.

After Church Greeters are Alan and Debbie Danser.

Friends, as we prepare for worship, please be mindful of our neighbors in the pews who are allergic to strong scents and perfumes. We want everyone to be comfortable and healthy as we worship the Lord together! Thanks very much for your thoughtfulness.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request, or if you would like to become part of the "chain" of church members who pray daily with and for people with a particular need, please contact the church office at (609)395-0897.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church members with special needs: Marge Bloom; Joan Brown; Martha Davis; John Henzler; Ed Lawson; Helen Myer; Rebecca Pelto; Russ Richardson; Dorothy Swec; Anna Wahler and Mildred Watts.

Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked: cemetery superintendent, Chris Christiansen; Barbara Danser's mother, Evelyn Walton; friend of the church, Barbara Darwin's daughter, Cindy; Joan Fraser's friend, Joyce Stempel; Gail Geijer's son, Dan; Jane Huff's grandson, James Huff-Miller; Joanne Hughes' parents, Cornelius and Bella Tanis; Linda Ill's mother, Carol Scarpone; Carolyn Lee's husband, John; Kathy Mitchell's mother, Marjorie Stewart and daughter, Lindsey; CPNS teacher Sheila Morrissey's sister, Tricia; friend of the church Sharon Ramkishun's sister-in-law, Michelle; niece, Kaitlyn and friend, Kelly; Arthur and Gloria-Jean Ryba's brother-in-law, Arthur Sanford; and Dave Stewart's mother, Carolyn Stewart.

We pray for all the people who are in need in our wider community and please remember family and friends in our nation's service.

Prayer Requests in the Bulletin: *In order to keep the prayer request list up to date we will print the names of friends and family of church members who have prayer requests for one month. After that time you may call the church office to have a name reappear on the prayer list.*

- Please be sure to sign the "**Pipeline to Session**" cards found in the pews if you have any questions/concerns for the Session. This is a great way to give "kudos" as well!

Birthdays of Distinction: Russell Sutton and Franklin Sutton on January 20. **Happy Birthday**

~~ ADULT EDUCATION ~~

Adult Education on Sunday Mornings from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Library.

Bob Kane asked this question of the Adult Class this past Sunday - "Is it true because it's in the Bible or is it in the Bible because it's true?" For sure a question for serious contemplation. This video/discussion class on "The Truths in the Bible" will continue through February 5 in the Library at 9:15 a.m. Drop your kids off in their Sunday School classes and then join us for this informative program.

~~ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~~

An exciting and fun new event for couples is going to happen on February 4 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. A **Couples Night Out** will feature delicious desserts, a fun event and a brief talk and conversation about intimacy and marriage. The event is free and we encourage all couples in the church to come enjoy a night of fellowship together. Childcare will be provided. If you are curious and have questions about the event please get in touch with Kurt or email him at eric.heineman@ptsem.edu.

Sunday School News

January 29 "Kids and Communion" All students in Second Grade and their parents are invited to join Pastor Rosanna at 9:15 a.m. in the "Music/Bible Bites" classroom for this special workshop. Then

during the week, families will decide if their child is ready to participate in the Lord's Supper on the following Sunday, February 5.

~~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~~

Pictorial Directory: If you did not purchase extra pictures when you took your directory photo, you can pick up your photograph in the church office.

~~ CPNS ~~

CPNS is closed on Monday to observe Martin Luther King Day. The Christian Education Committee has invited our families to participate in Family Fun Day that day. It will be a celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It will be a fun family day as well as a day to serve others.

We are in the process of registering children for the 2nd session of our enrichment classes. They include Art & Literacy, Power of Play, Music & Movement, Math & Science and Mommy's Morning Out. Let me know if you are interested in participating in these programs. Don't forget children who are attending half day kindergarten programs are welcome to join us. The forms and details can be found on our website.

As you begin to research your options for a preschool for your child, please consider CPNS. Please call Janice Parker at (609)655-8663 or email her at CPNSchool@comcast.net for more information. Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about our developmentally appropriate academic Christian preschool. We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to give their children the best and strongest foundation for their child's academic success.

~~ MISSION, SERVICE & GRANTS ~~

Snippets from the Year Book of Prayer: The national women's organization of the National Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Guatemala established in 1951, as a membership of about 3,000 women and includes 18 presbyteries and 5 different language groups. The mission of the organization is to train, orient, and accompany Presbyterian women in their different ministries, but this is often difficult because of the status of women in the society and in the church. As the moderator has observed, "I understand that it is in moments of sharing and getting to know one another that we can feel the presence of God and have the opportunity to strengthen God's work. As women, we have all felt society's rejection, but together we can create a different reality and be faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ."

Guatemala Dinner Fundraiser: Our **Seventh Annual Gourmet Dinner** to support our Guatemala mission is quickly approaching. Don't miss the wonderful opportunity for church fellowship, entertainment and a delicious meal. There are a limited number of tickets being sold, so buy them today. We will be serving dinner on Friday, January 20 and on Saturday, January 21 beginning at 7:00 p.m. with open seating beginning at 6:30 p.m. As you dine on Friday, you will be entertained by our very own Don Klotzbecher and company and on Saturday you will be serenaded by a String and Barbershop Quartet. The cost of the meal will be \$50.00 per person (remember this is a fundraiser). You may want to attend both evenings to experience the variety of entertainment being offered. We will be selling only a limited number of tickets, so plan on buying your ticket early. They are on sale now and will be available during coffee hour (see Lil or George Conley) or call the church office or Lil at (609)395-0642. We are offering a filet mignon, grilled salmon, stuffed chicken or a vegetarian meal as your main entrees along with all the trimmings and a delicious desert to top it off with.

Checks can be made payable to The First Presbyterian Church (tax deductible) memo: Guatemala dinner. Any amount above the \$50.00 fee will be greatly appreciated. Please save this date, we are counting on you for our success in this project.

Bread for the World Offering of Letters -- FEBRUARY 12, 2012 - The annual BREAD FOR THE WORLD Offering of Letters has a bit different emphasis this year. Instead of concentrating on one need, the Letters will relate to several causes, all under the heading "Expanding the Circle of Protection: Relating to Programs for Low-Income People". Under the Domestic area, we find food assistance with SNAP, (food assistance), National school lunch program, school breakfast program, tax credits and income support which includes the Earned Income Tax Credit, and the Child Tax Credit. Internationally, there is concern about the poverty focused financial assistance, International food Aklard emergency relief, USAID's Food for Peace program, The

McGovern-Dole international Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, emergency medical and potable water program.

As you can see from this list, there is much to think about and pray about. We shall be hearing more about particular items in the near future. In the meantime, notice what our papers and magazines are saying about these causes. And plan now to be in the Parish Hall during coffee hour February 12 so you can be part of our Offering of Letters by signing an already prepared letter, or writing your own.

Volunteers Wanted: We are in need of help with the Special Offerings during the coming year. This is a great opportunity for persons to participate in a church activity without its being a full time, all year commitment.

We have four of these offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing on April 1; Pentecost on May 27; Peacemaking on October 7; and Christmas Joy on December 9. There are printed guidelines available for these special offerings, and PCUSA always sends us a wealth of materials (banks for Sunday School participants, special donation envelopes, special bulletin inserts, and an information packet which explains all about the special offering.)

We are asking you to consider just one of these four. If you think that you might be interested, please contact the Church Office or speak to John Sprout. He is always available to aid and assist the person or group heading the special offering.

~~ SENIOR BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP ~~

Please join the Senior Breakfast Fellowship on **Thursday, January 26**. Paul Watkins has published 10 novels and two books of non-fiction, including the bestselling *STAND BEFORE YOUR GOD*, about his days as a student at the Dragon School and Eton which will be the subject of his presentation. For the past 20 years, he has taught fiction and history at the Peddie School in Hightstown, New Jersey and has been featured on the cover of *Teacher Magazine*.

Call Walter Wright or Stan Dickerson for your reservations.

~~ SENIOR FELLOWSHIP ~~

Senior Exercise Schedule - January 19, January 23, January 26, January 30

~~ STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE ~~

Counting Teams: 1/15 (Team #1) - 1/22 (Team #2)

~~ WORSHIP ~~

Ushers: Please pick up the new 2012 ushering schedule in the Narthex.

Flowers Needed: There are flower openings for January. If you are interested, please contact Diane Smith.

~~ YOUTH MINISTRY ~~

Activities for Youth Group

- Jan. 15 6:30-8:30 p.m. Trip to Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Hightstown for the Interfaith Community **Worship Service** celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Jan. 22 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Group Discussion on **"Holy Superheroes!"**
- Jan. 29 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Group **Service Project**

~~ CALENDAR ~~

January 15, 2012 - January 22, 2012

Sunday 15	9:15a Celebration Sunday 9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 3:00p Set-up for Eagle Scout Court of Honor-FH (GC) 4:30p Court of Honor - FH (GC) 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 6:30p-8:30p Youth Group going to MLK Service 7:00p Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Worship Service at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church (Hightstown) No Cranbury Men's Bible Study
Monday 16	(Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday) (CPNS/Church Office Closed) 10:00a Family Fun Day - FH, Rm 1, Kit 7:30p Brass Choir 7:30p CPNS Board Meeting - Library 8:00p Al-Anon-McK Rm
Tuesday 17	9:00a Bulletin Material Due 9:30a- 12 noon Women's Bible Study-Bell Choir Rm 11:00a Staff Mtg.-Church Office 11:00a Sr. Fellowship Program -FH/Kit/ VAN 7:30p Session Meeting - FH 7:30p Youth Instrumental Ensemble 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Wednesday 18	9:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Packing 7:00p-9:00p Boy Scout District Mtg-McK Rm 7:30p Bell Choir
Thursday 19	10:00a Senior Exercise 4:15p-4:45p Cherub Choir -Sanctuary 4:45p-5:30p Children's Choir-Sanctuary 7:00p Boy Scout Leader Meeting-McK Room (GC) 7:30p The Chorale - Sanctuary
Friday 20	8:30-11:00a Skeet's Food Pantry Distribution 9:00a Bulletin Assembly-Church Office 6:30p Guatemala Dinner - FH/Kit 7:30p AA - McKnight Room
Saturday 21	8:30a-3:00p Equipping the Saints Leadership Training @ Princeton Seminary 6:30p Guatemala Dinner-FH/Kit
Sunday 22	9:15a Christian Education for all ages (Classrooms/Lib./FH/McKnight Rm) 10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour 4:00p-5:00p Cranbury Scout Band Practice - upstairs classroom 5:30p-7:00p Youth Group-FH/Kit 7:00p Boy Scouts (GC) - FH 7:30p-9p Cranbury Men's Bible Study at the Inn